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MEMORANDUM TO: Peter C. Wen, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH NEI REGARDING
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISION 8 OF NUREG-1021

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This was the latest in a series of public "focus group" meetings and workshops intended to promote the efficient, effective, and consistent preparation and administration of initial operator licensing examinations now that facility licensees are preparing approximately 75 percent of those examinations in accordance with 10 CFR 55.40. The meeting focused primarily on the status of outstanding issues that had been raised during prior meetings and workshops (the last of which was held in Orlando, Florida, on February 17 - 18, 2000). At the NRC staff's request, NEI developed a prioritized list of issues for discussion during the meeting. Those issues and a synopsis of the associated discussions are outlined in the second attachment. The third attachment is an NEI handout that summarizes the attendees' feedback regarding the Orlando workshop.

The staff believes that the meeting was beneficial for both the NRC and the industry. The next "focus group" meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 2000.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301-415-2942.

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